

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the listing of the claims as follows:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (*Currently Amended*) A bird feeder comprising:

a first baffle and a second baffle, each said first baffle and said second baffle having a convex upper surface, a first diameter and a first depth;

a third baffle having a concave upper surface, a second diameter and a second depth;

means for coupling said third baffle between said first baffle and said second baffle;

means for supporting said first baffle, said second baffle, and said third baffle;

said means for supporting being at least one vertically disposed pole;

whereby, said one vertical pole has a bottom end embedded in a ground surface;

wherein said third baffle is designed and configured to hold foodstuffs for birds, and said first baffle and second baffle ~~prevents~~ prevent rodent animals from reaching the concave upper surface of said second baffle.

Claim 2. (*Original*) The bird feeder of claim 1, wherein said first diameter being greater than said second diameter, and said first depth being less than said second depth.

Claim 3. (*Currently Amended*) The bird feeder of claim 1, wherein said ~~means for supporting including~~ at least one vertically disposed pole includes a plurality of nestable pole sections.

Claim 4. (*Original*) The bird feeder of claim 1, said first, second and third baffle having a central aperture, wherein said means for coupling passes through said apertures.

Claim 5. (*Currently Amended*) A bird feeder for preventing rodent animals from consuming bird foodstuffs, said bird feeder comprising:

a support member including one vertical pole;

a first convexed member coupled to said support member having a first diameter, and a first depth;

a concaved member coupled to said first convexed member having a second diameter, and a second depth;

a second convexed member coupled to said concaved member having said first diameter, and said first depth;

said first convexed member, said second convexed member and said concaved member being concentrically disposed, and having a central aperture;

whereby said concaved member is designed and configured to hold foodstuffs for feeding birds; and said first convexed member and said second convexed member are designed and configured to prevent rodent animals from reaching the concaved member when supplied with foodstuffs; and said one vertical pole has a bottom end embedded in a ground surface.

Claim 6. (*Original*) The bird feeder of claim 5, wherein said first diameter being greater than said second diameter, and said first depth being less than said second depth.

Claim 7. (*Currently Amended*) the bird feeder of claim 5, wherein said ~~support member~~ one vertical pole includes at least ~~one~~ two vertically disposed nestable pole ~~section~~ sections.

Claim 8. (*Currently Amended*) The bird feeder of claim 7 5, wherein said ~~support member~~ one vertical pole includes a plurality of vertically disposed nestable pole sections.

Claim 9. (*Currently Amended*) The bird feeder of claim 5, further comprising a means for coupling;

wherein each said first, second, and third ~~baffle having~~ members has a central aperture, ~~wherein and~~ said means for coupling passes through said apertures.

Claim 10. (*Currently Amended*) A squirrel-proof bird feeder comprising:
a vertical, multi-segment support pole;
a coupling assembly;
a first bowl member having an outer convex surface and a base defining a central aperture;
a second bowl member having an outer concave surface and a base defining a central aperture;
a third bowl member having an outer convex surface and a base defining a central aperture;

wherein said coupling assembly ~~positioning~~ positions said first bowl, said second bowl member, and said third bowl member concentrically, such that said first bowl member and said third bowl member are disposed above and below the second bowl member, respectively, said coupling assembly passing through each said bowl member via the central aperture.

Claim 11. (*Original*) The bird feeder according to claim 10, wherein said coupling assembly includes a T-shaped cylindrical collar, an elongated externally threaded shaft, and a plurality of internally threaded fasteners for engaging said elongated externally threaded shaft for holding each of said bowl members in position.

Claim 12. (*Currently Amended*) The bird feeder according to claim ~~10~~ 11, wherein each said first bowl member and said third bowl member has a recess about said aperture for receiving said internally threaded fasteners; and said T-shaped cylindrical collar receives an end portion of said shaft.

Claim 13. (*Original*) The bird feeder according to claim 12, wherein said T-shaped collar is rigidly secured to a top of said multi-segmented pole.

Claim 14. (*Original*) The bird feeder according to claim 13, each segment of said multi-segmented pole having a first end portion having a first diameter, and a second end portion having a second diameter, such that said first diameter nests within said second diameter.